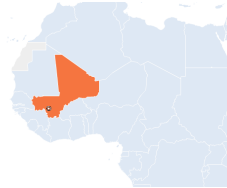


**Introduction**

Mali is a landlocked country in Western Africa. Mali borders Algeria, Burkina Faso, Guinea, Cote d'Ivoire, Mauritania, Niger, and Senegal. Most of the country lies in the southern Sahara which produces a hot savanna zone. The government system is a republic; the chief of state is the president, and the head of government is the prime minister. Mali has a traditional economic system in which the majority of the population engages in subsistence agriculture confined to the riverine area irrigated by the Niger River. Mali is a member of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS).



**Location:** Western Africa

**Capital City:** Bamako (GMT)

**Chief of State:** President Ibrahim Boubacar Keïta

**Head of Govt.:** Prime Minister Soumeylou Boubeye Maïga

**Currency:** Communauté Financière Africaine franc (XOF)

**Major Languages:** French (official), Bambara 46.3%, Peul/foulfoulbe 9.4%, Dogon 7.2%, Maraka/soninke 6.4%, Malinke 5.6%, Sonrhai/djerma 5.6%, Miniánka 4.3%, Tamacheq 3.5%, Senoufo 2.6%, unspecified 0.6%, other 8.5%

**Primary Religions:** Muslim 94.8%, Christian 2.4%, Animist 2%, none 0.5%, unspecified 0.3%

**Calling Code:** 223

**Voltage:** 220

**Key Websites**

Main Government Page: [primature.gov.ml](http://primature.gov.ml)

Investment Promotion Agency: [apimali.gov.ml](http://apimali.gov.ml)

**Key Economic Facts**

Income Level (by per capita GNI):	Low Income
Level of Development:	Developing
GDP, PPP (current international \$):	\$41.00 billion (2017)
GDP growth (annual %):	5.30% (2017)
GDP per capita, PPP (current international \$):	\$2,211.42 (2017)
External debt stocks, total (DOD, current US\$):	\$4,367,845,759.60 (2017)
Manufacturing, value added (% of GDP):	3.11% (2007)
Current account balance (BoP, current US\$):	-\$0.68 billion (2014)
Inflation, consumer prices (annual %):	1.76% (2017)
Labor force, total:	6,933,000 (2017)
Unemployment, total (% of total labor force) (modeled ILO estimate):	7.91% (2017)
Imports of goods and services (current US\$):	\$6.28 billion (2017)
Exports of goods and services (current US\$):	\$3.38 billion (2017)

**GDP Composition %**



*\*Although Manufacturing is included in the Industry figures, it is also separately reported because it plays a critical role in economy.*

**Rankings**

Index	Rank
Corruption Perceptions Index	122 / 178
Global Competitiveness Index	124 / 139
Global Enabling Trade Index	118 / 136
Index of Economic Freedom	113 / 180
International Logistics Performance Index (LPI)	96 / 160
Inward FDI Potential Index	121 / 139
KOF Index of Globalization	134 / 185
Networked Readiness Index (NRI)	127 / 139
Open Budget Index	70 / 115

**Risk Assessment (Provided by Coface)**

**Country rating: D** - A high-risk political and economic situation and an often very difficult business environment can have a very significant impact on corporate payment behavior. Corporate default probability is very high.

**Business Climate rating: D** - The business environment is very difficult. Corporate financial information is rarely available and when available usually unreliable. The legal system makes debt collection very unpredictable. The institutional framework has very serious weaknesses. Intercompany transactions can thus be very difficult to manage in the highly risky environments rated D.

**Strengths**

- Significant natural resources: agriculture (cotton, rice, maize), mining (gold, bauxite, iron)
- Stabilization of the political situation; drive to restructure the economy
- International aid

**Weaknesses**

- Economy vulnerable to weather and to commodity price fluctuations
- Geographic isolation
- Precarious security situation
- Dependence on international aid

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